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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO

REF: STATE 020064, QUITO 0555, QUITO 0316

1. EMBASSY MYSTIFIED THAT AMERICAN TUNA INDUSTRY IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES CAN BE PURCHASED BY RADIO FROM ECUADOREAN CONSUL IN SAN DIEGO. QUITO 0316 OF JAN 13 TRANSMITTED COMPLETE TEXT (WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION) OF MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION 13023 WHICH SET FORTH PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO. RESOLUTION PROVIDED FOR PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO FOR SHIPS APPROACHING ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS THROUGH THE NAVAL RADIO STATION, WHICH COMMUNICATES REQUESTS DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHING IN GUAYAQUIL. GOE ESTABLISHED NO REPEAT NO AUTHORITY FOR ECUADOREAN CONSULS TO SELL LICENSES BY RADIO.

2. AS COMMENTED IN QUITO 0316, SYSTEM CREATED PRESENTS
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SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR USE BY AMERICAN FISHERMEN SINCE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED WHEREBY AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL CAN GUARANTEE PAYMENT BY SOLICITING AMERICAN FISHING VESSELS. QUITO 0555 OF JAN 20 INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF TALKS BETWEEN BANK OF AMERICA AND AMERICAN TUNA ASSOCIATION TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF PROMPT PAYMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT ASSUMPTION THAT GOE CONSUL IN SAN DIEGO HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF LICENSES BY RADIO IS CORRECT, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS SITUATION HAS NOW BEEN REMEDIED. POLCOUNS TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR ON JAN 26 AND INFORMED GQIM OF MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO. ON JAN 27 LEGAL ADVISOR INFORMED POLCOUNS THAT INFORMATION WAS BEING TRANSMITTED TO CONSULS.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNFORTUNATE IF AMERICAN TUNA FISHERMEN WERE MISINFORMED ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO, AND URGES THAT CLARIFICATION BE MADE RAPIDLY TO PREVENT INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF US BOATS FISHING IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS WITHOUT ECUADOREAN LICENSES.
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